

Serial Number 10/671,532

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Amendments to Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4, indicated as allowable on page 2 of the Official Action.

Minor grammatical, idiomatic, and other formal changes have also been made to place the claims in proper U.S. format and to more clearly recite the claimed invention. It is respectfully submitted that these changes clearly do not involve "new matter."

2. Rejection of Claims 1-3 Under 35 USC §102(b)

This rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of original claim 4.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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